MRAC By-Laws by Jim WB9LNU

The following is a synopsis of the MRAC bylaws from their original conception in 1923 to the ones being written now in 1995.

3/8/1923 Our founding fathers created the rough draft and final copy of the Original Articles of Organization.

3/21/1923 The first bylaws were approved.

10/17/1933 The first change in to the original 1923 bylaws.
1. Drop the requirement for an associate or junior member to be a member of the ARRL.
2. Only regular members must have a license and be a member of the ARRL.

5/17/1934 Amendment change to Article 4 paragraph 2 and 3.
This amendment changed the time of the year that the elections would take place and on what days the meetings would take place.

9/4/1941 Amendment change to the bylaws.
1. Change the location of the normal meeting place.
2. Change the supplies a member was required to have, such as a copy of the Radio Communications Laws.
3. Changed the requirements to be a club member
4. Changed the dues rate to 50 cents per week.
5. Drop the power of the club to control an operators operating times. This control over members was used because of the early spark transmitter interference problem.
6. The meeting of the Board of Directors could be held wherever they want based on mutual agreement instead of the club meeting hall.

3/2/1942 Amendment change to the bylaws.
5 levels of membership was established along with a complete discription of each level of membership.
1. Regular Member
2. Associate Members
3. Life Members
4. Honorary Members
5. Non-Resident Members

6/11/1946 Add the clubs first trustee to the bylaws for the club station call W9HRM. HE was Aldrich Krones. Note: Each new club president became the new trustee. This was later changed so one person would be trustee until a change was deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

4/8/1948 Atty. Paul Leeb W9TKY and Emil Felber totally amended the bylaws to try and up date them to match the times.

3/29/1951 New Articles of Incorperation were written.

12/16/1954 Amendment change to the bylaws. The first proxy vote was used.
1. Change the regular meeting time from every Thursday to twice a month.
2. The meetings shall be held on the 1st and 3ed thursday of each month.

1965 A highly condensed and simplified bylaws was written.

1966–1970 An exact reprint of the 1965 bylaws were issued. Copies of these bylaws were included with the yearly club roster.

1979–80 Very controversial bylaws were written. All hell broke loose between club members and club officers. The controversy was caused be unusual wording changes and miss prints in the bylaws when they were published. The new bylaws were voted in by a quorum vote, but I don't think the members knew exactly what they were voting for based on information I was able to extract from the Chatter of that time which is in our history filing cabinet. A printing correction sheet was sent out to all the members.

1983 The 1979–80 bylaws were changed to remove all the controversial stuff. Special attention was given to who has the right to vote and what a quorum is.

1985 In September 1985 the club received a letter from the State of Wisconsin that all old corporations are required to reincorperate.

1987 New restated Articles of Incorporation was made and our new bylaws were examined by Atty. Fennig. Quorum and Proxy changes were made.

1988–89 These were the last bylaws that were sent out to the members as per our historical records. These bylaws are an exact copy of the 1987 bylaws except for changes in Article 5 Section2.

1995 New simplified bylaws based on a study of history, tensions and communication problems over the last decade will be issued this year after the approval of the membership. These new rules are written in plain english.